

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Takeyuki MIZUTANI

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METHOD

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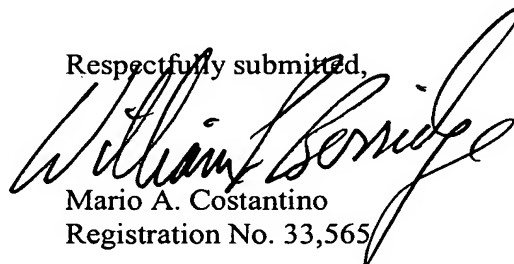
In compliance with 37 CFR §3.73(b), the undersigned hereby states that NIKON CORPORATION is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment from the inventor of the patent application identified above. A copy of the assignment is attached hereto and is concurrently being submitted for recordation.

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